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SUBJECT: GERMANY WILL BE REPRESENTED (BARELY) AT FRIENDS OF
IRAQ CONFERENCE

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(SBU) PolOff delivered Reftel points to Dr. Ruediger Lotz, Office Director for the MFA's Iraq desk, on May 30. Lotz expressed appreciation for the draft agenda and noted the expanded focus of the meeting from prior FOI conferences. He said that a representative from Germany's embassy in Abu Dhabi would attend as an observer. Lotz noted that Germany, which is not part of the MNF-I, had generally not actively participated in past FOI meetings. Given the expanded scope of this FOI conference, and based on its embassy's read-out of the Abu Dhabi conference, Germany may consider participating in future meetings with higher-level representation. PolOff will continue to press Germany to participate in all Iraq-related meetings at an appropriately high level.

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